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ERIK HEINE  
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On June 20, 1963, ANDREAS TRAKS, President, Cleveland Branch, Legion of Estonian Liberation, residence 4402 West 48th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, advised as follows:

ERIK HEINE arrived in Cleveland on Tuesday, June 4, 1963. Mr. TRAKS had received advance information from YURG RAUS, National Head of the Estonian Legion of Liberation, to the effect that HEINE had been suspected of being a possible Soviet agent. By this time, Mr. TRAKS had already invited HEINE to stay at his home. He considered cancelling the engagement, but then decided to go ahead with the program and also to have HEINE as his house guest. He did lock up all his records since both he and Mrs. TRAKS, employed at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital, were away from their home during the day, and therefore HEINE would have unobstructed access to the entire house during his stay.

Mr. TRAKS had not expected HEINE to arrive in Cleveland as early in the week as he did since the program was scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 8, 1963. Nevertheless, Mr. TRAKS took HEINE to his home. During his stay, HEINE did not ask any questions about individual Estonian refugees or about any organizations. He did exhibit some interest in TRAKS' Estonian Radio Hour which is broadcast over WKBN-FM, Cleveland, for 20 minutes every Monday evening from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. Latvian and Lithuanian broadcasts fill the remainder of the hour.

The actual program was held at the Lutheran Church near West 98th and Denison, Cleveland, on Saturday, June 8, 1963, after church services. About 100 attended the affair, which consisted of the showing of a film and subsequent

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lecture by HEINE. Because the film lasted until approximately 11:00 P.M., the lecture was limited to about 30 minutes. It usually took two hours, HEINE said. Mr. TRAKS said that the film seemed to be definitely anti-communist as were HEINE's remarks, which consisted of his experiences during World War II, his arrest by the Soviets after the war, his escape from Siberia, his subsequent arrest in Estonia, and finally his release on the basis of his German ancestry.

According to Mr. TRAKS, during his remarks HEINE did seem to stress a point that "blood was thicker than water," pointing out that when he was arrested in Estonia and was about to be shot by the Soviets, his life was spared by an Estonian in the Red army who interceded in his behalf. Mr. TRAKS said that although it was possible he had been made overly suspicious by the information received from YURI RAUS, he did get the feeling occasionally that HEINE might be talking from something memorized rather than experienced. Otherwise, he said, HEINE gave no indication he was other than what he purported to be.

Immediately after the program, HEINE packed and left Cleveland at approximately 1:00 A.M., Sunday, June 9, 1963, stating that he had an engagement in Detroit, Michigan, on that date. HEINE also indicated that he would thereafter travel as far as the West Coast of the United States and then return to Canada at Vancouver.

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